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HEAVY SNOW MAKES WEATHER IDEAL FOR CHRISTMAS

Oldest Inhabitants in Albuquerque Can't Remember Whether It Ever Snowed Here on Dec. 25 Before.

With the ground covered with a blanket of snow several inches deep on the level and with prospects of a half foot of the beautiful before the shades of night begin to fall, Albuquerque is enjoying local weather on Christmas day. Several of the oldest inhabitants were asked today whether in their recollection it had ever snowed before in Albuquerque on Christmas. Various answers were received. One old-timer said that it snowed here on Christmas day twenty years ago and another was sure that it snowed on Christmas day thirty-one years ago.

In any event, Albuquerque had a dandy snow today. It fell steadily and beautifully, the weather man turning it loose from the heavy grey skies in a manner calculated to arouse thoughts of home and mother and other Christmas days in the minds of those from back east.

The kids had a great time today snowballing and coasting. Many sleighs were seen on the streets and hunched husbands could be seen in the residences shoveling snow off the sidewalks.

The snow was of such a sticky consistency that it was almost impossible to get the street cars to run through it, and not until 7 o'clock was service resumed. Even when the cars were freed to go very slowly. About 10 o'clock, Municipal Commissioner and a number of men at work shoveling the snow from the tracks and from the space between them, where it had become banked high enough to form a miniature drift in front of the car as it ran along.

The snow on the tracks makes a very heavy load on the car motor and beside interfering with the contact necessary for the passage of the electricity, so that running the cars is quite difficult.

PERSONALS.

The German Lutherans will have a service on New Year's day at 2 o'clock at the Highland Methodist church, 218 S. Armo. Rev. P. Kretschmar, pastor of the German Lutheran church of Optimo, Mora county, New Mexico, will conduct the services in the German language.

The Salvation Army Christmas will be held at the army hall tonight, 206 W. Silver avenue. All are invited. The Christmas and New Year's dinner will be given on New Year's day, as I could not finish my thorough canvass of the city which I am making. Toys will also be given the poor children in their homes who could not attend any of the trees. Capt. O. Wendel.

THE POLICE DONATE A FEW CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Festival Spirit Imbues Policemen and Reputable Citizens Who Imbibe Too Freely Are Sent Home in Cab.

Because it was Christmas eve last night, and the real spirit of Christmas was abroad in the land, the police were kind and charitable. Not only were the better citizens who had partaken too freely of Christmas cheer free from the terrors of arrest, but they were sent home in cabs by the guardians of the police. The transient "hobos" were permitted to sleep at the city building and turned loose after breakfast this morning.

"What's doing tonight?" one burly blottoard was asked last night as he patrolled his beat on Central avenue. "Oh, nothing much," he said, "we're sending 'em all home in cabs. It's Christmas, you know."

And so there are few to face Judge Craig tomorrow, who are now in the jail.

Thomas and Jeremiah, the proverbial Christmas party of the cop that cheers, was the favorite last night, though some ran it a close second. Very few citizens partook too freely of the cheering, and those who did were not disorderly.

HOLIDAY TRAFFIC IS VERY LIGHT

Railroad Officials Say That Business This Morning Is Very Dull, Both on Through and Local Travel.

Traffic on the railroad is very light today on both through and local travel, according to local railroad officials. The local passengers that had anywhere to go to spend Christmas went yesterday and the through ones have been on the way home for the holidays for the past week. Today only those traveling on business or because they are making a frantic effort to reach home before the holidays season is quite over are traveling at all.

Very few people begin a journey on Christmas day or for several days thereafter, and railroad men look for some slight relief from the extra heavy traffic the Santa Fe has been handling lately, to allow them to get their second wind for the rush after January 1.

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At Elks' This Afternoon and Tonight.

BIG CROWD ATTENDS MIDNIGHT MASS AND OTHER SERVICES

One of the finest musical programs ever heard in city rendered at immaculate Conception church.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT IS IN EVIDENCE

A crowd which filled the immaculate Conception church until standing room was at a premium early this morning attended midnight mass and listened to one of the best musical programs ever heard in the church on Christmas. The high altar and the side altars were beautifully decorated in flowers and greens which myriads of wax tapers gave a soft light to the scene. The mass was celebrated by Rev. Father A. M. Mandalari, assisted by a choir of chorists, and an orchestra, directed by Mrs. T. J. Shinnick.

During the mass several hundred people received holy communion. This morning in all the churches of the city, the festival of Christmas is being observed with special services, sermons and musical programs. People of all faiths, creeds and beliefs gathered today in their homes of worship to do homage and reverence to the infant Savior, while the usual number of Christmas trees, presents, and above all a fine full of the snow—the snow, the beautiful snow—gladdened the hearts of the youngsters all over the city.

The musical programs at the churches this year are the chief features of the Christmas celebrations. Some of the best singers ever heard in Albuquerque are taking part in the choir work and weeks have been spent in preparing the musical numbers for today. And, despite the heavy fall of snow, the attendance reported from the various churches is above the normal for any Christmas. The decorations, too, in the various churches are prettier than usual and flowers and greens used extensively, intermingling with holly and mistletoe and the evergreen from the mountains.

In Barcelona and in Old Albuquerque services were held in the Church of the Sacred Heart and of San Felipe de Neri at midnight. High mass was celebrated in both churches and the musical programs rendered by the choirs were excellent. Both churches had been partially decorated for the occasion.

SANTA CLAUS PINCHED: IS BELIEVED CRAZY

New York, Dec. 25.—According to newsmen who ply their trade in the vicinity of Greely square, the idea that Santa Claus is a round old gentleman with long white whiskers is wrong. The patron saint is only about 20 years old, his mustache is coal black and he is of Austrian descent.

This new Santa Claus appeared on Broadway. After announcing that money was of use to him he started to distribute \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills among the crowd. As he could not hand out money fast enough to suit himself, the newly elected Santa Claus threw bills into the air as fast as he could peel them from his fat roll.

The policeman interfered after a few minutes and took Santa to Bellevue hospital to be examined as to his sanity. The man said he was Michael Bogdan, and insisted that the money was his own to do as he pleased with. He gave away \$400 and had \$150 left when he reached Bellevue.

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SEAT SALE OPENS ALL PACKAGES TO BE DELIVERED BEFORE NIGHT

Reservations for Famous Pianist Who Will Appear Here Wednesday Night Should Be Made Early.

The sale of seats for the concert to be given Wednesday evening at the Elks, by Signor Giuseppe Fabbri, a talented Neapolitan pianist, who has been doing concert and educational work in this country for several years, will begin tomorrow. Tickets have been sold to a great many of Albuquerque's music lovers, and it is certain that a large crowd will be present to hear this gifted young man. Signor Fabbri is spoken of as a virtuoso of the very best future, and is said to be a pianist who will make his name heard throughout the musical world before he is through.

The following from an eastern paper expresses what force he is taking the hearts of the musical public: "It was a concert of unusual merit, Giuseppe Fabbri giving a program which would test the powers of any concert pianist. From the dainty Pasquella of Schumann to the grandiose Chopin, Liszt, and Debussy, he gave us a complete course in the art of piano playing, with an unapproachable technique and possession of a fine temperament. Signor Fabbri held his audience at a keen point of interest."

"The thirty-two variations of Beethoven were given with characteristic force and charm. The numbers of Chopin, Schumann, Liszt and Debussy were played out amply. With wrists of steel that seem to know no fatigue, Mr. Fabbri is able to cope with technical demands in a manner that is at once delightful to both eye and ear. Mr. Fabbri is a pianist one desires to hear again. A brilliant future no doubt awaits this gifted young man."

Signor Fabbri appears under the auspices of the department of music of the University.

SENTENCED TO 49 YEARS SERVED 18 MONTHS

Topeka, Dec. 25.—Alva M. Chance has been paroled from the Kansas penitentiary after serving eighteen months of a sentence of forty-nine years for forgery. Chance is the man who went to the state prison and demanded admission before his commitment papers had been issued.

Chance was arrested three years ago at Brewster, Thomas county, for forgery and embezzlement and seven separate counts were returned against him. He was convicted on each count and was given a sentence of seven years on each. Chance appealed to the Kansas supreme court and the verdict of the jury in the lower court was sustained.

Chance read in the newspapers that his appeal had been successful and that he would go to prison. He straightened up his business affairs, sold what little property he had and then boarded a train and went to Lansing and waited to begin serving his sentence. He had no money on him; papers and wardrobe clothing refused to accept him as a prisoner.

Chance then came in to see the attorney general and there the matter was fixed up. Chance went back home with the supreme court mandate in his pocket, and the district court clerk made out the papers, took his own commitment and returned to Lansing alone and began serving his half century sentence.

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